



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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GSA 2014-35

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2014-15 Withdrawn Unpaid Competitive Award Offers**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) informs you that on November 13, 2014, the Commission approved the staff's recommendation to withdraw 2014-15 new, unpaid Cal Grant Competitive award offers. Staff's recommendation was based on consultation with the Cal Grant Competitive Communications Workgroup.

- 2014-15 Cal Grant Competitive award offers, unpaid or with a NA code, will be withdrawn on December 17, 2014. This will allow the Commission to offer new awards to the next cohort(s) of eligible disadvantaged students and ensure the maximum utilization of the Cal Grant Competitive program of 22,500.
- When all 22,500 awards have been paid, all other award offers will be withdrawn, including students with posted LA codes and all other non-payment codes.
- We encourage campuses to pay all eligible Cal Grant Competitive awardees by December 17, 2014.
- Withdrawn students can be reinstated if determined eligible and the authorized award number has not been met. To reinstate, please contact Institutional Support.
- Beginning next week, a communication will be sent to all potentially withdrawn students. A copy of the student withdrawal notification is enclosed.

As a reminder, the final reconciliation date for the 2013-14 academic year is Wednesday, December 3, 2014. For more information on 2013-14 year end reconciliation, please refer to [GSA 2014-34](#) from November 10, 2014.

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